

Articles

Gods word written, neither may it so expound one place of scripture, that it be repugnaunt to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witnesse & a keeper of holy writ: yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same, ought it not to enforce any thing to be beleued for necessitie of saluation.

21 *Of the authoritie of generall Counselles.*

General Counsels may not be gathered together without the commaundement and wyll of princes. And when they be gathered together (forasmuch as they be an assemblie of men, whereof al be not gouerned by the spirit and word of God) they may erre, and sometime haue erred, euen in thinges perteyning vnto God. Wherefore, things ordayned by them as necessary to saluation, haue neither strength nor authoritie, vlesse it may be declared that they be taken out of holy Scripture.

22 *Of Purgatorie.*

The Romish doctrine concerning purgatorie, pardons, worshipping & adoration aswel of images, as of reliques, & also inuocation of Saints, is a fond thing, vainly inuented, and grounded vpon no warrantie of scripture, but rather repugnant to the word of God.

Of

of religion.

23 *Of ministring in the congregation.*

It is not lawfull for any mā to take vpon him the office of publique preaching, or ministring the Sacraments in the congregation, before he be lawfully called & sent to execute the same. And those we ought to iudge lawfully called & sent, which be chosen & called to this worke by men who haue publike authoritie giuen vnto them in the congregation, to call and send ministers into the Lordes vineyarde.

24 *Of speaking in the congregation,* in such a tongue as the people vnderstandeth.

It is a thing plainely repugnant to the worde of God, & the custome of the primitive church, to haue publike prayer in the Church, or to minister the Sacramentes in a tongue not vnderstanded of the people.

25 *Of the Sacramentes.*

Sacramentes ordayned of Christ, be not only badges or tokes of christian mens professio: but rather they be certaine sure witnessses & effectual signes of grace and Gods good wil towards vs, by the which he doth worke inuisibly in vs,